IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Layne et al. Docket No.: 1759.17208-FOR

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Title: Platform Cannula for Guiding the Expansion of Expandable Bodies and Method of

Use (as amended)

AMENDMENT C

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment C responds to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2004, which was designated as being final. A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this Amendment C.

An automatic three month extension of time, up to and including April 19, 2005, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: